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them, they advanced likewise towards us, and came so close one to  
 an other, that joyning battalions together, wee came to pushe of the  
 pike, and disputed the buynesse so longe, till it pleased God, that  
 wee routed them, and gaue us the victorie, by putting the Ennemy  
 to a retreat with the Kings owne Army, but the Dukes Army was  
 vily beaten back, and began to make a shameful flight, so that wee  
 were forced to send our horse men after these that were beaten, and  
 to relieve the Dukes men with our foote, which doing, wee putt all  
 the Ennemy at last to flight, and followed the execution very hotely  
 till it was darke night, & till wee could not see to persue them any  
 further, for which victorie immortal thanks be given to God. The  
 Ennemy was at least 40000. allsighting men, and our Army, and  
 the Dukes cold make not about 36000 men horse and foote. The  
 next day there was found dead on both sides slayne upon the place  
 of battle 10000 bodys, whereof the most of them were the Enne-  
 mies, besides these that were slayne upon their flight & execution  
 which were counted to be as great a number. There were taken in all  
 about 8000. prisoners, the most of them having taken entertayn-  
 ment of the King, and marches with our Army. There were diuers  
 Collonells of note slayne, on both sides. Generall Tilly was shott and  
 hurt three times, the Lord Marshall Schoonburck slayne, and five o-  
 ther Collonells. The Duke of Holsteyne taken prisoner, who af-  
 terward dyed of his wounds, besides diuers other Lieutenants, Col-  
 onels, Captaynes, and Officers, which would be too long to relate, of  
 our side there were slayne Collonell Diuel, Collonele Hall, Colo-  
 nele Cullenburck, and Lieutenant Colonele Adercus. Colonele Tur-  
 nill hurt, and my Colonele hurt, besides diuers Captaynes, Lieute-  
 nants, & Ensignes: Wee haue taken two and twentie peeces of Ca-  
 non, whereof there are seve which were the King of Bohemias, lost at  
 the Battle of Prague. Besides great store of powder, Bullets, match, and  
 munition of warre, 52 Coullours of foote, and 37. Gornetts of horse  
 this is the truth of the great victorie wch God hath given us wch you  
 maye report for a certaine, for I write noe more unto you but that wch  
 I saw with my owne eyes. I wold haue writte to diuers other, but  
 I praye

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I praye yow lett this letter suffice for all, and when any other occasion shal offer yt selfe, yow shall heare further from mee. Noe more at this time, but my dutie remembred to your selfe my mother, and my loue to my bretheren and sisters, and al other my freinds. I commit you to the protection of him that hath given us this glorious victorie and rest.

Your Loving Sonne. I. F.

From the Kings Army at Hall the tenth of September 1631.

The rest of the Kings proceeding in the Countries and Towns which he hath taken in since that battle as they followe in time.

I take it this generation doe live in that age this prophecy shal be fulfilled Revelation, 18: 20.

O heavens rejoyce of hir, and ye holy Apostles and Prophets, for God hath given your judgment on hir for your sakes.

Here the Holy-ghost doth describe the joy and rejoycing of all the faithfull for the destruction of the Romish superstition, and humane inventions.

By heaven here is meant, the faithfull Professours of the truth, because they belong to heaven, and have their meditations in heaven. By Apostles and Prophets are not meant those famous preachers which lived in former ages, but are to be taken for those faithfull teachers which witnes Gods truth on earth in his millitant Church.

As for our matters on earth they belong not to those blessed soules which are and have been resting so long blessedly in heaven, for dead men (saith the Scripture) know nothing anie more here Eccles. 9:5. and therefore saith the Prophet, that Abraham is ignorant of us, and that Israel knows us not. Iay. 63: 16. Therefore this is the rejoycing of all Gods people at the abolishing of all humane inventions in Gods Worship, and they rejoyce at the advancing of all the institutions of Christ, that he may raigene as King in his church by his own laws and ordinaunces as the Apostle testifyeth 1. Timo. 3: 14. 15. and this he is commanded to observe till the appearing of Iesus Christ to judgment the 6: 14. therefore not in the liberty of earthly potentates to alter, for Christ shall raigene, Amen

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